

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
REINFORCING A DOOR ASSEMBLY

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter this Amendment in the above-referenced application before substantive examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

SC 7/25/00 In line 2 of page 4, please delete the last word "and".

SC 7/25/00 In line 3 of page 4, please delete the "." at the end of the sentence and insert therefor --; and--.

SC 7/25/00 In line 8 of page 4, please insert the following paragraph --FIG. 9 is a fragmentary perspective view of the alternative fenestration product assembled with the door assembly and the second sidelight assembly, particularly illustrating the reinforcement plate located between the window jamb and the hinge side door jamb.--

SC 7/25/00 In line 31 of page 1, please delete the text "(not shown)".

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In line 34 of page 11, following the last sentence of the paragraph, please insert the text --Such an arrangement is shown in FIG. 9, wherein the fenestration product 200 is provided with a second sidelight assembly 230 along the hinge side of the door assembly 202. As indicated, a reinforcement plate 232 is located between the door jamb 234 and the window jamb 236 and the jambs 234 and 236 are interconnected by corrugated staples 238. Furthermore, the hinges 240 (only two being shown in FIG. 9) of the door assembly 202 are securely fastened to the reinforcement plate 232 by suitable fasteners 242. The fasteners 242 may also threadably interengage the door jamb 234 and window jamb 236 similar to the strike side of the door assembly 202.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice or disclaimer and add new claims 20-38 as follows:

20. A fenestration product comprising:
- a door assembly including a door and a pair of laterally spaced, structural jambs,
 - said door assembly further including door hardware configured to associate the door with the jambs, said door hardware including a strike plate fixed relative to a strike-side one of the jambs and a hinge fixed relative to a hinge-side one of the jambs to swingably mount the door on the hinge-side jamb;
 - a sidelight assembly alongside the door assembly; and
 - a reinforcement plate secured to the hinge-side jamb and configured to restrict movement of the hinge relative to the hinge-side jamb.